

CITY OF MOSES LAKE
Grant County, Washington
January 1, 1992 Through December 31, 1992

Schedule Of Findings

1. The City Of Moses Lake Should Strengthen Controls Over SCAN Usage

The City of Moses Lake utilizes the State Area Controlled Network (SCAN), a dedicated telephone network managed by the state of Washington to provide low cost long distance service to public entities. Our audit revealed that the city allowed employees to use the SCAN system for personal calls. Employees reimbursed the city for part or all of the related charges, however, employees were benefiting from using the state's volume discount and additional staff time and effort was associated with collecting and recording the reimbursements. Employees reimbursing the city also did not consistently identify all personal calls on the SCAN bill.

SCAN regulations limit the use of the system to official business calls. In addition, the Washington State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, states in part:

No county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall hereafter give any money, or property, or loan its money, or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, company or corporation, except for the necessary support of the poor and infirm

We recommend that the city comply with SCAN regulations and the Washington State Constitution and prohibit the use of the system for personal calls.